Appendices

The Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (March 2000) included 17 appendices. Less than half of the appendices were modified for the Final EIS. A summary and list of changes for each of the modified appendices are included in the Final EIS.

Modified Appendices

The modified appendices are:

- Appendix 3, Public Involvement (incorporated into Appendix 4)
- Appendix 4, Response to Comments
- Appendix 6, Terrestrial and Aquatic Species
- Appendix 7, Socio-Economic Information for Counties and Communities
- Appendix 9, Additional Aquatics Guidance and USFWS and NMFS Matrices
- Appendix 10, Implementation Framework
- Appendix 12, Requirements for Snags and Downed Wood
- Appendix 16, SAG Assumptions for Modeling the Supplemental Draft EIS Alternatives
- Appendix 17a, Definitions for Old Forest

New Appendix

One new appendix is included in the Final EIS—Appendix 18, A1 and A2 Subwatershed Update Process.

Unmodified Appendices

The appendices that were not modified are incorporated by reference, in accordance with 40 CFR 1500.4(j) and (o), 1502.21 and 1506.4. The content of the unmodified appendices is briefly summarized here. These appendices (as well as the full text of the modified appendices) can be viewed on or downloaded from the ICBEMP website (www.icbemp.gov) or obtained by contacting the ICBEMP office, 304 North 8th Street, Boise, ID 83702; telephone (208) 334-1770, fax (208) 334-1769.

Appendix 1, Scientific, Legal, and Planning Background, (10 pages) provides an overview of the major scientific studies that contributed to the development of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project EIS. It also lists the major laws and executive orders that constitute the legal framework for planning and management of lands administered by the BLM and Forest Service. The last portion of this appendix includes planning considerations that underlie planning efforts of the BLM and the Forest Service and lists the land use plans currently in effect in the ICBEMP project area.

Appendix 2, GIS Data and Databases, (22 pages) describes the development of the ICBEMP interagency Geographic Information System (GIS) data and databases. This appendix, adapted from the Information System chapter (Gravenmier et al. 1997) of the Scientific Assessment (Quigley and Arbelbide 1997), contains sections on GIS data layers or themes, documentation, management, and data sharing. A table lists all the data layers in the GIS used for the ICBEMP.

Appendix 5, Terrestrial Source Habitat Acreage Table, (10 pages) is a table of data for the terrestrial source habitats used by the 91 terrestrial vertebrates in the 12 Terrestrial Families described in Source Habitats for Terrestrial Vertebrates of Focus (Wisdom et al. 2000). Historical and current acreages are presented for each terrestrial source habitat for the basin (not including the Greater Yellowstone Area). Terrestrial source habitats that were identified by the EIS Team as having declined substantially in geographic extent from the historical to the current period are marked in the table.

Appendix 8, Tribal Background Information, (110 pages) contains information about the 22 American Indian tribes that have reservations, ceded lands, and areas of interest within or bordering the project area. Part A is presented in three sections: Summary of General Information Sheets; Evaluating Habitat and Harvestability, and Addressing American Indian Rights and Interests; and Government-to-Government Consultation with American Indian tribes. Part B provides further details on federal court cases with applications for multiple tribes, individual information sheets for each of the affected tribes in the project area, a chronology of the legal status of American Indian tribes, a list of Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) contacts, and a discussion of ethno-habitats.

Appendix 11, Integrated Weed Management, (6 pages) presents seven goals of an integrated weed management (IWM) strategy, and provides noxious weed control guidelines for an IWM strategy.

Appendix 13 is a rangelands appendix (16 pages) presented in two parts. Part A, Biological Crust Evaluation, describes the use of a matrix to analyze

the effects of livestock grazing on biological crust in a NEPA document. Part B, Healthy Rangelands Standards and Guidelines, is a reprint of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (August 12, 1997), known as the Healthy Rangelands Initiative, for BLM-adminsitered lands in Idaho, Montana, and Oregon/Washington.

Appendix 14, EIS Team Guidance to SAG, (28 pages) is the guidance that the EIS Team provided to SAG to assist them in modeling the effects of Alternatives S1, S2, and S3. It is based on the management intent and direction for BLM- and Forest Service-administered lands, described in Chapter 3 of the Supplemental Draft EIS.

Appendix 15, Development of Restoration Priorities, (32 pages) describes the developmental steps of the restoration strategy within Alternatives S2 and S3. It discusses restoration components and willingness to accept risk from restoration actions. It contains an explanation of the rulesets used to develop functional (for example, aquatics or economics) restoration priorities and the high restoration priority subbasins.

Appendix 17, is an old-forest definitions appendix (approximately 266 pages) presented in two parts. Part A, Definitions for Old Forest, has been modified and therefore is included in the Final EIS. Part B, Regional Definitions for Old Forest, contains three old-growth (old forest) definitions developed by the Forest Service Pacific Northwest, Northern, and Intermountain regions.